

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claims 8-24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A signal processing apparatus, comprising:

a processing means for executing unit adapted to execute a plurality of processes;

an assigning means for unit adapted to automatically assigning assign each process with a unique code used for executing each of the plurality of processes;

a control means for controlling unit adapted to control said processing means unit to execute the plurality of processes in accordance with the code assigned by said assigning means unit;

an input means for inputting unit adapted to input program data and program information of the program data; and

a searching means for searching unit adapted to search the program information input by said input means unit in accordance with a predetermined search condition, wherein said

searching ~~means~~ unit adds a search point if a program matches a search condition and selects a program having a high search point; and

wherein the search condition includes a condition that the search point lowers more as the number of assignment times of the code by said assigning ~~means~~ unit for the plurality of processes is larger.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): A signal processing method, comprising:

a processing step of executing a plurality of processes by a processing unit;

an assigning step of automatically assigning each process with a unique code used for executing each of the plurality of processes;

a control step of controlling the processing unit to execute the plurality of processes in accordance with the code assigned by said assigning step;

an input step of inputting program data and program information of the program data; and

a searching step of searching the program information input in said input step in accordance with a predetermined search condition, wherein said searching step adds a search point if a program matches a search condition and selects a program having a high search point; and

wherein the search condition includes a condition that the search point lowers more as the number of assignment times of the code in said assigning step for the plurality of processes is larger.